

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	:	Group Art Unit: 3677
Phillip M. Santisi	:	Confirmation No. 7945
App. No.: 10/615,407	:	Examiner: James R. Brittain
Filed: July 9, 2003	:	Customer No. 69911
Title: <b>FASTENING DEVICE</b>		

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

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**RESPONSE TO PTO COMMUNICATION AND FURTHER**

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT**

**a.) Preliminary Remarks.**

In response to the Communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO"), mail dated December 7, 2007 (the "Communication"), and as a further response to the non-final Office Action, mail dated January 24, 2007, Applicant submits this Supplemental Response and Amendment ("Supplemental Response"). Please substitute this Supplemental Response for the Response filed April 24, 2007. Although this Supplemental Response is largely identical to the Response, there are a number of differences in both the Amendments and Remarks.

To avoid confusion, Applicant respectfully requests: (i) that Applicant's prior Response be disregarded (which apparently it was); (ii) that this Supplemental Response be entered in its stead; (iii) that the objections and rejections of record be reconsidered; and (iv) that Applicant's amendments and remarks herein be entered.